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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: LATEST SIHANOUK REJECTION OF NEGOTIATIONS

REF: FBIS BANGKOK 211341Z NOV 74 (NOTAL)

1. SIHANOUK, IN A STATEMENT MADE ON NOVEMBER 15 AND BROADCAST ON NOVEMBER 21 (REFERENCE), HAS AGAIN REJECTED ANY KIND OF NEGOTIATION OR COMPROMISE WITH THE GKR IN EXTREME AND VITUPERATIVE TERMS. HE CITEES RECENT FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW AND REUTERS ARTICLES DESCRIBING AN ALLEGED PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE LAO COALITION GOVERNMENT SHOULD RECOGNIZE BOTH SIDES IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. THE FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW, ACCORDING TO SIHANOUK, GOES ON TO HYPOTHESIZE THAT THIS "CHANGE" IN THE PATHET LAO POSITIONS MIGHT MEAN THAT GRUNK-GKR NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW POSSIBLE.

2. SIHANOUK, IN RESPONSE, PROCLAIMS "THAT IN NO CASE, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES EITHER NOW OR IN THE FUTURE" WILL GRUNK/FUNK AGREE TO NEGOTIATE OR "ACCEPT ANY COMPROMISE, CEASEFIRE, RECONCILIATION OR COALITION" WITH
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"IMPERIALISTS". HE URGES INTERNATIONAL OPINION AND PRESS TO CEASE "VAIN SPECULATIONS ABOUT A FICTITIOUS POSSIBILITY" OF THE GRUNK/FUNK "ONE DAY ACCEPTING NEGOTIATIONS OR COMPROMISE WITH THE ARCHCRIMINAL TRAITORS AND THEIR EQUALLY ARCHCRIMINAL U.S. MASTERS."

3. COMMENT: THIS LATEST EXAMPLE OF SIHANOUK'S OBDURATE AND INTEMPERATE REFUSAL TO ENTERTAIN ANY THOUGHT OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN DEPARTMENT AND USUN LOBBYING ON THE KHMER ISSUE. SIHANOUK OF COURSE WOULD BE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE ABOUT ANY CHANGE IN THE PATHET LAO POSITION SUCH AS THAT DESCRIBED BY THE PRESS, AND THIS SENSITIVITY MUST HAVE BROUGHT ON HIS TYPICALLY KNEE JERK, SHOOT-FROM-THE HIP RESPONSE. DEAN

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